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THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" The Government have taken into consideration the complete report and its recommendations. Some of these recommendations have been placed on the table and have been carried out. Some other recommendations are under consideration. As far as this particular item is concerned regarding the reduction of the rate of interest, the Government are trying to reduce the rate of interest."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know when the Government hope to come to decisions on the other recommendations of the Committee? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" As early as possible."

Appointment of special officers to promote basic education.

* 91 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether special officers have been appointed to promote basic education ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what their status and emoluments are ;

(*c*) whether these posts have been filled up ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, what the qualifications of the present incumbents are ;

(*e*) whether any service rules governing these posts have been framed ; and if so, what those rules are ; and

(*f*) what exactly the duties of these Basic Education Officers are and their relation to the Educational Officers in the districts?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (*a*) Yes. There are two Basic Education Officers, one at headquarters (in Madras) and another for Andhra Desa.

" (*b*) The post of Basic Education Officer at headquarters is a gazetted one on a pay of Rs. 230 a month. The Basic Education Officer for Andhra area is a non-gazetted officer on a pay of Rs. 165 in the scale of Rs. 165—5—205—10—245.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) The Basic Education Officer at headquarters is a graduate and an L.T. He was a senior assistant in a board school before he was arrested in the freedom movement. He has been interested in basic education for about ten years and has had training in Sevagram.

" The Basic Education Officer for Andhra Desa is an M.A. and has been interested in basic education for many years and has had training in Sevagram.

" (*e*) The posts are temporary and are to be governed by *ad hoc* rules. The question of framing the rules is under consideration.

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"(*f*) The Basic Education Officer at headquarters generally supervises, directs and inspects basic schools and basic training schools in the province. The Basic Education Officer, Andhra Desa, looks after the organization, co-ordination and supervision of the basic schools and basic training schools in the Andhra Desa."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that the qualifications prescribed for these two officers are almost the same and the Basic Education Officer in Andhra Desa possesses equal qualifications, why should he be a non-gazetted officer while the Basic Education Officer at the headquarters is a Gazetted Officer?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Both started with the same pay. There were proposals to make both posts gazetted. But in the meantime, there were certain complaints against the Basic Education Officer of the Andhra Desa. The complaints are under enquiry. After the enquiry is finished, a decision will be taken."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Basic Education Officer stationed in Andhra Desa possesses the same powers as those of the Basic Education Officer at the headquarters, especially in regard to the inspection of basic schools?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Certainly, he has the same powers in regard to inspection of basic schools."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Do these Basic Education Officers submit reports to the Educational Officers of the districts or to the Director of Public Instruction?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " The Basic Education Officers give their report direct to the Director of Public Instruction."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it then that so far as basic education schools are concerned, the Local District Education Officers have no jurisdiction?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Except for purposes of administration, the local District Educational Officers have no other jurisdiction."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I do not understand what the Hon. the Minister means by 'For purposes of administration,' because both the District Educational Officer and the Basic Education Officer are administrative officers. Both carry out inspection. Then, how do the functions of the Basic Education Officer differ from those of the District Educational Officer?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " There are certain things like checking of accounts and such other administrative matters as the calculation of the grants. The syllabuses have also to be properly evolved. For the

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present, the Basic Education Officer is looking after them and the District Educational Officer is looking to the administrative matters such as calculation of grants."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the assessment of grants also depends on following the syllabuses and carrying out the instructions given in regard to them?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " That is so. That will depend upon the recommendation of the Basic Education Officer."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that the District Educational Officer has a supervising capacity over the Basic Education Officer?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Not over the Basic Education Officer."

Inspection of the Government Stationery Stores.

* 92 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent or both of the Government Stationery Stores are allowed any allowance for visiting the Stores and how many visits were paid to the Stores by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent month after month from 1st May 1947 to 1st May 1948?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " A conveyance allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem is granted to the Assistant Superintendent of Stationery; no such allowance is paid to the Superintendent of Stationery. Visits to the Government Stationery Stores are paid only by the Assistant Superintendent of Stationery. No records are maintained for the purpose. The Assistant Superintendent of Stationery visits the Stationery Stores, Guindy, at intervals according to the circumstances requiring them, and without detriment to his duties in the Government Stamp Office, 1st Line Beach, Madras."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there are rules to say that the Assistant Superintendent of Stationery must pay a visit to the Stationery Stores as often as possible in view of the fact that large quantities of stationery are stored in the stationery godown?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Yes, Sir, as often as may be necessary."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that when the Sub-Committee of the Retrenchment Committee visited the Stores the Assistant Superintendent was not there. In view of the fact that the stationery godown is far away, will the Government consider the desirability of retransferring the